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## Gillings To Publish New British Pro.

After 3 years of preparations, Walter Gillings, founder and editor of Britain's pioneer stf magazine, Tales Of Wonder, announces the publication of a new magazine under his editorship.

The magazine will be titled Fantasy, The Magazine of Science Fiction (Temple Bar Publishing Co London, Ltd., 24 Store St., London, W. C. 1). This is not the pre-war British pro Fantasy.

It will be 96 pages, large - pocket size, 2-color art cover, and many interior illustrations. The price will be one shilling and the first issue will be out in December. Stories will be by John Russell Fearn, P.E. Cleator, Arthur C. Clarke, L.V. Heald, S. G. Weinbaum, and a new English writer, Norman Lazenby.

The Weinbaum story will be the first of the Van Manderpootz series which Fantasy is reprinting; not because of any lack of new material, but to indicate what has been done by American writers in the past, and as a criterion for new writers to follow. All the other stories will be new.

The magazine will have a general appeal and will try to present the best stf available in Britain.

Circulation will be limited by the paper available in England to new publications. Because of the restrictions, it is not known how frequently it will appear, though monthly publication was planned.

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## PALMER INSANITY HOAX ORIGINATED BY PALMER

HAMLING QUILTS FANDOM

James V. Taurasi, Editor of Fantasy-Times, received via air-mail, on Ziff-Davis letterhead, an open letter to Fandom.

In 5 single-spaced, small-type pages, Hamling confirmed Palmer's hoax and strongly defended him.

The complete letter will be read at the next meetings of the ESFA and the QSFL. It will also be published in its entirety in the proposed Fantasy-Times Annual.

Following are a few excerpts from Bill Hamling's letter.

Dear Jimmy,

"..I will first of all confirm a rumor featured in your Fantasy-Times, No. 25, claiming that the Palmer Insanity affair was a hoax. It was. It was a hoax which I and Raymond instigated for a big laugh, and we got it...So out of the clear blue sky came I Remember Lemuria by Richard S. Shaver, introducing the most astounding theories of them all---and in Amazing Stories. It is almost a safe thing to presume that if this series had appeared in any other stf pulp, the Shaver stories would have been welcomed with wide-open arms---as is the policy of fan decisions....The Shaver Mystery opened up an entirely new field to fandom....But when fans came out (continued on page 2, column 1.)

and say the stories are preposterous, insane and sheer drivel. then I draw the line. Is anything more preposterous than the situation as presented in Colossus? Is anything more insane than the science presented by Doc Smith... in his novels?...It isn't that the fans hate Shaver, but that the fans hate Palmer. The very same Palmer who has gone out of his way to contribute to the fans whenever the situation made it possible to do so. Remember the Nycon? Remember the Chicon? Who sponsored the affair in Chicago--who contributed cold hard cash to all the fans.....He contributed stacks of original covers and interiors that had cost Amazing Stories \$7,500...At every meeting of groups of fans, somebody always gets up and spouts for an hour or so on the horror of the Shaver Mystery, and then a motion is made to go on record en masse against the Mystery. And then what happens? The vote is in a majority against the motion. And how does fandom explain that? The answer is very simple. It isn't the Shaver Mystery the fans hate--it is Ray Palmer, and anything he does...This is the strange paradox of juvenile minds that exists in the so-called "fan" world today.....nothing has changed except a few names on the fan rosters. Mine is gone, and I'm glad. I had sense enough to realize--that it was a futile effort to try anything constructive as a fan...I'm sorry to have to say this. I'm sorrier than you can imagine. But every word I've said is the truth and you know it.....their action against Ray Palmer is nothing short of stupidity.... The greatest mistake the fans ever made with their dealings with a professional house, they made with Ray Palmer and Amazing Stories. Whether you believe it or not, the fact remains that Amazing Stories, and its companion, Fantastic Adventures, are the

leaders in the stf field today. The Shaver Mystery, true or untrue---and what difference it makes I fail to see---will continue to go on, more and more. This is only the beginning. As usual, the fans, and the minority they represent, have missed the boat. It is lamentable, and a shame. But knowing the fans as I do, it is nothing but what one would expect. ..."

Sincerely yours,  
/William L. Hamling/  
William L. Hamling

THE COSMIC REPORTER  
by Lane Stannard

John W. Campbell's book, The Atomic Story, will be out January 1947, according to L. Jerome Stanton, associate editor of ASF. Stanton has written for Fantasy-Times, a very interesting article on himself. It will appear in the very near future. -ls

ON THE NEWS STAND  
by Herman Tok

The only prozine out this week is Planet Stories, Spring 1947, with a new cover title (personally we liked the old one better) and a fair cover by Anderson. As usual PS carries a good selection of science-adventure stories. Inside illustrations are very good. The reader's column, tho a little silly in spots, is one of the best in the field. The editor should be more serious in his introduction of the reader's column

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